

WILL FIGHT FOR ALL OF HARLEM

Forty Thousand Heirs of the Men Who Had a Grant from King George Will Sue for \$1,000,000,000.

COUSINS, AUNTS, UNCLAS AND ALL AT MEETING.

So Great Is the Crush at Meeting Held To-Day that the Police Are Called Out to Keep Order.

After an adjournment of one hundred years, the incorporation of New Harlem was convened in public meeting at the Harlem Casino to-day for the purpose of protesting against the "civic crime" by which the descendants, heirs and assigns of the original Harlemites were excluded from their rights in all the property in Harlem.

The original corporation of New Harlem was created by a British king, who by charter gave them their leasehold of several thousand acres of land, now covered by the famous Harlem flats. The original corporation held forth for a brief period in a big hut. After a number of years the incorporators became inactive and later died.

They Grew to 40,000. Four generations have passed and the descendants and heirs collateral, bilateral, lineal, unilateral and quadrilateral multiplied to the number of 40,000.

One of this number, Henry P. Toler, discovered a trace of the original corporation. He reviewed it, looked it over, looked it up, and, lo and behold, discovered that he and his 39,999 cousins by right and title, owned the whole of Harlem. He communicated with 17,000 of the 39,999 cousins, informing them that they were all entitled to a slice of the \$1,000,000,000 worth of property a certain Eddie George of Great Britain had passed along to their ancestors.

Fully 5,000 Were There. There were fully five thousand of the seventeen thousand heirs clamoring at the doors of the Harlem Casino this morning. An hour before Mr. Toler opened the meeting. It took an hour and a half to pass them into the meeting hall, and they all had to be identified, tagged and enrolled.

A squad of police from the West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street station crowded the entrance and stairway leading to the meeting hall. So great was the congestion in the narrow wind-corridors that the tide of heirs had to pass in single file, and moved along in lines until a long table was reached, where they were stopped, identified, tagged and passed into the meeting.

Meeting Hall Jammed. The meeting hall was jammed, but the single file line of heirs reached the back around downstairs, turned and twisted about the lobby, wound out on Seventh avenue, where the crowd was swelling to a large proportion.

It was a representative gathering, representative of Harlem, modern and ancient. Many of the heirs tottered in on canes and gave attention with ear-trumpets. Women and ancients were in the majority, though there were several hundred young men, all of whom were equipped and carried great leather music rolls containing their genealogical trees, and shrubs and strange shrubs.

When the Seventh avenue end of the single file learned that the hall was packed, the women began to politely fight each other for a chance in the line and the police were powerless to protect them until the doors were finally shut and locked.

In Mrs. Eddy Back of It

It is generally believed that the New Harlem movement has a Christian Science impulse behind it, and that Mrs. Mary B. Eddy is giving it her influence and support, despite the fact that several hundred old men referred frequently to pill boxes and tiny bottles of cough syrup.

The meeting was opened by Robert Stein Bussing, President of the Town of New Harlem by right of lineal descent. Mr. Bussing first introduced his family tree, which he read amid applause. The President's tree is as follows:

No. 1—Parents, Robert Stein Bussing, Mary Kingsland; married in New York in 1820.
No. 2—Grandparents, John Schermerhorn Bussing, Agnes Ann Stein; married in Brooklyn in 1823.
No. 3—Great-grandparents, Abraham Bussing, Elizabeth Mesier; married in New York in 1784.
No. 4—Great-grandparents, Abraham Bussing, Elizabeth Mesier; married in New York in 1784.
No. 5—Great-grandparents, Abraham Bussing, Sarah Selover; married in New York in 1787.
No. 6—Great-grandparents, great-grandparents, Arent Harmanse Bussing, Susan Beland; married in New Harlem, May 24, 1672.

One of the Patentees.

Arent Harmanse Bussing was one of the patentees of the town of New Harlem.

Mr. Charles F. De Poe, of New York, who was a great great grandfather, was elected temporary chairman.

Mr. De Poe received a tumultuous reception and sat down. Then Mr. Henry Pennington Toler introduced himself as the pioneer of the present movement and addressed the meeting.

Mr. Toler told how the original charter members of the corporation of New Harlem met on March 4, 1658, in a little log cottage somewhere between Suyten Lovell Creek and Fifty-ninth street.

"The original charter member," said Mr. Toler, who sold the seat in the stock exchange to push this new movement, consumed a great quantity of beer at their first meeting." (Great applause.)

This consumption of beer was the usual memorial feast of the original charter members at their first meeting.

Great Chance for Women. While a chance for the women of Harlem," said Mr. Toler, "a splendid chance for the Harlem women." (Tremendous applause.)

Mr. Toler did not explain what the ladies' chance was but he got great applause for the same.

Then Mr. Toler drew a pretty little picture of the original Harlemites, swarming from the New Harlem and dividing away the land, to those from whom it passed to the present owners. Mr. Toler said that the chief factor in the commission of the great "civic crime" by which the corporation of New Harlem was stripped of its last son of Harlem and

THROUGHS SEE NEW CHURCH DEDICATED

Thousands of Fashionably Attired Women and Men Flock to the Magnificent Christian Science Structure.

Fully five thousand people were present yesterday at the dedication of the new million-dollar edifice of the First Church of Christ, at Ninety-sixth street and Central Park West. It was such an audience as one sees at an all-star grand opera matinee. The women were gowned as handsomely as money could attire them, the men equally as fashionable. Nowhere could such a show of dress have been seen but in New York. It was an intellectual-looking gathering, and every one who attended the services went to listen to the Christian Scientists.

It has been said by artists that there is not another building in the country like this church, and as for the interior decorations, the Institute of American Architects has given them its highest indorsement.

Mrs. Stetson Presided.

Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson, founder of the out in New York, and for fifteen years first reader of the congregation, dedicated the church. It is to her that credit is given for raising the money which built it. She said yesterday that the total sum was \$1,185,000. Every cent had been given freely and voluntarily, and as an indication of the efficacy of prayer this remarkable woman pointed to the fact that the building had been put up under conditions which had paralyzed the construction industry.

"During the four years since the laying of this corner-stone, on Nov. 27, 1899," she said, "every demand for money, skilled workmen and the best materials has been readily met, notwithstanding the fact that work on all public and private buildings under process of erection during the past six months has been frequently stopped, owing to the disturbances between capital and labor."

How Money Was Raised. "At no time has work been suspended on this building, in spite of financial stringency and great depression in business. The money contributed for the erection of this edifice have been voluntary and cheerful donations, amounting to \$1,185,000, all from members of this church and students of the New York Christian Science Institute."

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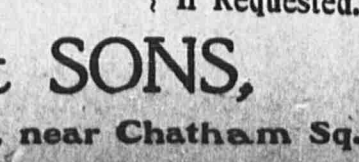
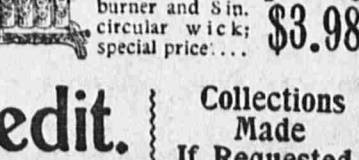
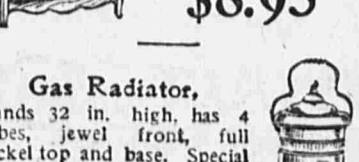
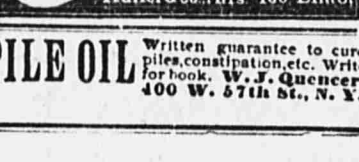
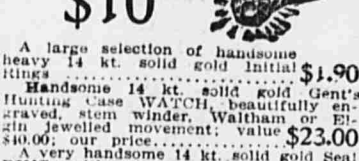
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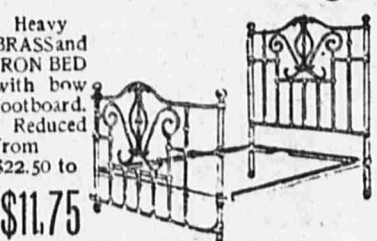
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